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To Co-Chairs Senator Maynard and Representative Guerrero, Vice-Chairs Senator Stillman and Representative Mikutel, Ranking Members Senator Boucher, and Representative Scribner, and members of the Transportation Committee,

I would like to express my strong support for House Bill 6028, An Act Concerning the Reconstruction of Exit 19 South on Route 9 in Cromwell.

The bill before you would authorize the Department of Transportation to reconstruct Exit 19 South off Route 9 in Cromwell. The goal is to improve traffic flow into Cromwell, Middletown and Rocky Hill and to improve the safety of the highway. DOT is well aware of the concerns of local residents surrounding this traffic flow pattern and has already studied the area.

Cromwell is the Crossroads of Connecticut and this exit is the central access point for the commercial corridor in town. In addition, it is one of the primary means of access for Cromwell residents. The traffic and congestion are not only stifling the business community, but is dangerous to anyone getting off the exit to reach Cromwell, Rocky Hill or Middletown. If any of you have driven down Route 9 during evening rush hour traffic, you are well aware that exit 19 is usually backed up for at least a mile up to the I-91 interchange. The current configuration with multiple traffic lights and major state and local roads fanning out in four directions results in exit 19 being completely congested from too much traffic and an unfeasible exit ramp configuration. This area is also the site of far too many traffic accidents.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If I can be of any further assistance to you or answer additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Christie Carpino

State Representative  
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